

# Green Light

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W. H. "BILL" McNICHOLS, JR., made the opening remarks and welcomed the delegates to the Association of Railroad Editors Conference at Denver.



## Rio Grande is Host to Rail Editors' Conference

The Rio Grande Railroad was the host of the Association of Railroad Editors' 47th Annual Conference held at the Denver Hilton Hotel October 1-3.

The association with a membership of 86 is composed of editors of railroad publications and associated companies. Some were not able to attend due to the threatened rail strike.

Mayor W. H. "Bill" McNichols, Jr., Denver, opened the conference with the remarks that the railroads were vital to the growth of the country. They helped win the west and now have a challenge in making this country even greater.

Amour Krupnick, cartoonist and lecturer for the St. Louis Globe Democrat, was able to point out during one of the sessions how to evaluate a publication and help to get it across.

D. E. "Mike" Tatum II, national technical representative for Honeywell, Inc., gave some very good pointers on photography. Mike is well known in the field of photography.

Employee Motivation was the subject for Richard P. Vogt, XL program manager, Electro-Motive Division, General Motors Corp.

A. M. Rung, director of public relations and advertising, CB&Q Railroad, in his topic, "Railroads' Tremendous Communicating Job," said it was up to the company publications to let the employee know what management was thinking as well as to let management know what the employee was thinking. Successful operation of any business must grow from the bottom, hence, it was important the individual must know what it is trying to accomplish. Better communication is an asset to a healthy railroad.

Frank Richter, vice president and publisher of Modern Railroads, was on hand to spell out the importance of articles in the publication. How they should be placed in proper sequence and the importance one over the other for better readership.

Panel speakers were Donald S. Law, system editor, Canadian National Railways, Nora Wilson, editor of employee publications, Pullman-Standard; Charles F. Burrows, editor, Illinois Central Railroad, and Robert J. Schiek, executive assistant, editor, Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway.

John B. Norwood, Rio Grande's director of Service Planning-TOFC, was

the luncheon speaker on Wednesday. The group enjoyed his talk and was very much interested in his remarks about the short-fast-frequent trains the Rio Grande is running.

Clarence R. Lennig, vice president-Traffic for the Rio Grande, gave the address at the banquet. The value of the company publication to the railroad was brought out in a very clear way by his illustrations of how the Green Light was of benefit to the Rio Grande. His remarks were the topic of conversation the following day by the editors at the conference.

Other Rio Grande officials and their wives, in addition to Lennig and his wife, attending the banquet were H. Ward Bushacher, vice president-Finance and Comptroller; E. H. Waring, chief engineer; R. E. Davis, asst. chief transportation officer-Planning; V. H. Immroth, personnel administrator; A. McKinney, director of public relations, and E. A. Roe, advertising manager. Robert H. Hale, assistant manager Fruit Growers Express, Denver, and wife were also present.

The president's breakfast was sponsored by the CF&I Steel Corp. on Friday, the last day of the conference.

A farewell luncheon was enhanced by the presence of Howard Fogg, well known railroad artist.

Many attending the conference were visitors to this section of the country for the first time. Time was made available for a trip to the mountains to see the aspens in their glorious display of colors.

The conference was a great success in that learning new ideas, new thoughts and the stimulation from contacts from other railroads made it a valuable time spent for all.

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### Dear Ed:

May I take this means to express my deep gratitude and appreciation to all my friends on the GRANDE for their thoughtfulness and consideration in the past and on the occasion of my retirement.

A very special "Thank You" to all who made and carried out the preparations for the wonderful dinner party held in my honor at Pueblo, August 29.

E. P. Johnston  
Gen. Car Foreman

### On the Cover

Potatoes are being loading into an ACF Conditionaire car at Monte Vista, Colo. for shipment to Frito Lay Potato Chip Co. at Dallas, Texas. See story on page 3.



# Trial Run of Bulk Potatoes Is Eyed

The fertile San Luis Valley in Colorado was the setting for a test run in shipping potatoes in bulk to market. The potatoes used in this shipment were a Minona Hybrid variety used in making of potato chips.

"The large air-conditioned hopper car was used for the first time on the Rio Grande to determine the acceptability of using this type of equipment

by shippers," said Tom Arnold, manager of distribution services, Denver.

The rail car, known as the Center Flow Conditionaire, manufactured by the American Car and Foundry Division of ACF Industries, was loaded with 178,000 pounds of potatoes at the Ted Still Farm's loading facility at Monte Vista for shipment to the Frito Lay Potato Chip Co. at Dallas, Tex. The car was loaded in a record time of three hours and fifty-five minutes.



THE CENTER FLOW CONDITIONAIRE like the one shown was the type used in the shipment of bulk potatoes from Monte Vista to Dallas, Tex. The car is over 55 ft. in length and can carry up to 183,000 lbs. of potatoes. It is fully air conditioned and can hold a constant temperature of between 30 and 70 degrees. The steel car is covered with polyurthane.

Tests were made at the loading site for bruises by John C. Hansen, area extension horticulturist of Colorado State University. Samples were taken from the top of the compartment and the outlet at the bottom of the compartment for comparison. The potato is tested by immersing it in a special solution which shows where the damage is under the hide. Test proved there was very little difference between the two.

Potato growers in the valley were on hand to witness the loading and showed a great deal of interest in the car. Officials from the railroad and ACF Industries were also on hand.

Rio Grande officials attending in addition to Arnold were Jack Berry, district manager, Alamosa, Don Oris, market director food products, Ray Sincheck, market analyst, Denver and Hubert Meek, trainmaster-roadmaster, Alamosa. ACF representatives were Harold M. Aitkenhead, manager

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POTATOES ARE SHIPPED in bulk form in the compartments of the air conditioned hopper car. Jack Berry, Rio Grande's district manager, left, and Hubert Meek, roadmaster-trainmaster, Alamosa, are observing the loading.



ON HAND FOR THE LOADING OF POTATOES shown above are from left, Ray Sincheck, market analyst, and Tom Arnold, manager of distribution services, Rio Grande. Denver; Ted Still of Ted Still Farms, Rudolph M. DiCarlo, district sales manager, and Henry G. Hohorst, director of railroad sales for American Car and Foundry Division of ACF Industries.



## Potato Trial Run Is Eyed

of field sales, Henry G. Hohorst, director railroad sales, St. Charles, Mo., and Rudolph M. DiCarlo, district sales manager, San Francisco.

This covered hopper is like a giant vegetable bin on wheels. It is over 55 ft. in length, with three compartments. The two end compartments have a capacity of 1586 cu. ft. and the one in the center, 1428 cu. ft. The car is air conditioned and can maintain a strict temperature and humidity control between 30 and 70 degrees through a self-contained unit that provides forced-air circulation throughout the loading area. The steel car is

coated with polyurthane foam which makes it very distinctive. It is capable of carrying 183,000 lbs. of potatoes, the capacity of nearly four standard refrigerator cars.

Potatoes which need to be brought to a higher temperature than that required during storage before being made into chips can be "cured" while the load is in transit, thus saving a time-consuming plant operation, according to ACF officials.

This type of car may also be used in the shipment of onions, lettuce, celery, carrots, cantaloupes, melons, as well as citrus fruits.



**POTATOES ARE CHECKED** for bruises. The one on the left has been peeled to reveal the extent of damage which proved negligible.



**POTATOES ARE SORTED** as they move on the conveyor belt to the car. Loading time was 3 hours and 55 minutes, a record according to ACF officials.



**TED STILL, JACK BERRY, HUBERT MEEK AND TOM ARNOLD** intently watch the loading procedures at Monte Vista.



## How Sweet It Is!

100 TONS OF REFINED SUGAR in bulk are handled at one time in new jumbo airslide covered hopper cars like the one pictured above, which have been acquired by the Rio Grande. With 4180 cu. ft. capacity, the emphasis is on efficiency and economy of handling. These cars can perform the work formerly required of many box cars and smaller capacity airslides. Twenty-one cars were acquired from General American Transportation Corp. and are numbered 15950-15970.

## Suggestions

The claim stub for Suggestion No. 19115 has not yet been received in Personnel Dept. Holder should send in check to claim award for winning suggestion.

Suggestions received to date and being discussed:

17618	19120	19609	20629
18163	19130	19612	21394
18767	19597	20618	22135
19111	19606	20628	30512
19119	19607	20626	30513

Suggestions for various reasons not adopted. Employee may send in the identification stub for reason, if further information is desired.

18148	19139	20587	20645
19116	19615	20627	20648
			30533

Income taxes are so high that very few of us can afford to make a living.

Rio-Grande



# System Vets' Club Convention Was a Great Annual Event

The 19th Annual Convention of the Rio Grande System Vets Club, held at Grand Junction September 27 and 28, was a huge success. The Salt Lake Vets Club No. 1 was host for the gala occasion. 240 persons registered for this event.

The group at Grand Junction was very much surprised when No. 18 pulled in and Cliff Crawford and wife stepped off the train. Cliff was not expected to attend as he had been in the hospital and was released the day before. Cliff is the president of the Salt Lake Club.

Master of Ceremonies M. A. Yates at the dinner-dance expressed thanks to the management of the Rio Grande for supplying extra coaches on Trains 17 and 18 to take care of the convention bound veterans.

Entertainment during the dinner held at Cafe Caravan was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sanders, Salt Lake, on the piano and organ, and by Armella Arcieri, Grand Junction, who sang and played the guitar.

The Ladies Auxiliary were instrumental in obtaining a hospitality room for the visiting delegates which proved a great idea.

Sunday morning a breakfast-business meeting was held. Meetings were held for both the ladies and the men.

The veterans began arriving on Saturday by train and automobile.

The convention committee for the host club consisted of M. A. Yates, C. V. Argyle, Fred Krauth, J. C. Cowley, L. M. Walters, Gino Giovicchini, Irv. Langton, Leonard Jensen, Ralph Nuzman, Harry Rugg and their wives.

W. O. "Toots" Furniss, president, presided at the Sunday morning business meeting. Three resolutions to amend the by-laws were presented. Two were adopted after discussion. One resolution was to change the name of the system group to System Committee of Rio Grande Veterans' Clubs instead of General Committee. This was one of the resolutions adopted.

The sale of travel bags and jewelry showed an increase for the Vets Treasury as they have shown a substantial increase in the number sold over last year. Savings stamps given by the railroad were instrumental in furnishing door prizes at the banquet.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Walker Johnston, Grand Junction, president; Joe Witherwax, Denver, vice president representing Colorado clubs; George Grivet, Helper, vice president representing Utah clubs; Fred Krauth, Salt

Lake City, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. "Toots" Furniss was presented the Past President's Pin by Vern Immroth, personnel administrator, Denver.

Incoming president, Walker Johnston, in addressing the group, stated, "Some plan will be formulated to assist Pueblo, Alamosa and Salida area employees in attending the Vets' Convention next year."

The conventions are getting larger each year, Johnston reports.

Pete Ackermann, president of the Denver club, volunteered the Denver Vets Club's services as host for the 1970 convention which will also be held at Grand Junction. His offer was readily accepted.

A good time was had by all the delegates. The underlying note at the convention: it isn't age in years that counts, but years of service. All one needs is 15 years of service for membership with the "in" crowd on the railroad-Rio Grande Veterans.



SOME OF THE DELEGATES are shown in the lobby of the depot upon their arrival.



ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 1970 of the Rio Grande System Vets Club from left are, George Grivet, Helper, vice president Utah clubs; Walker Johnston, Grand Junction, president; Fred C. Krauth, Salt Lake, secretary-treasurer; and Joe Witherwax, Denver, vice president Colorado clubs.



ARMELLO ARCIERI, one of the entertainers, played and sang at the System Vets Club Convention banquet. (Cheedle Photos)

## October-Careful Car Handling Month



# What Do You Think Safety Is, Mr. Railroader?

Safety is everyone's business. What are your ideas on being a safe worker.

A sign made famous by the railroads was painted on a cross-bar which said, "Stop, Look and Listen" at each railroad crossing. Today we

live in an age of "speed" and are going too fast, in most cases, to heed the normal warnings or pay heed to the simple rules of safety.

Stop, look and listen for safety sake has a hollow ring unless the individual THINKS safety.



Work and  
Play Safe  
Don't Be  
a Dropout  
From Work

## What is safety?

The dictionary defines safety as "freedom from danger, injury, or damage; security."

Like so many words in the English language, the word "safety" is short in size but very long on meaning and takes on many forms.

Suppose we list some things that Safety is not:

**SAFETY IS NOT** a pair of hard-toed shoes, but the common sense habit of working in these shoes.

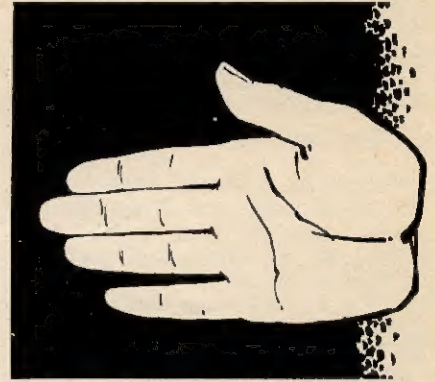
**SAFETY IS NOT** the best pair of goggles man can make, but the care and wisdom with which those goggles are worn whenever and wherever there is the slightest hazard to the eyes.

**SAFETY IS NOT** a system of red, green and yellow signal lights, but an awakening and obedience as to the meaning of these lights.

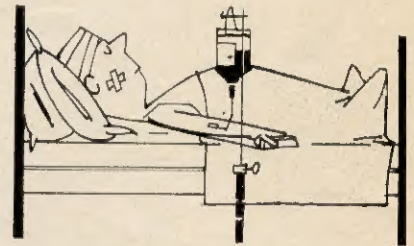
**SAFETY IS NOT** a set of statistics, for statistics are only a measure of our safety performance, it is the thinking and doing of safe things regardless of whether a safety inspector is watching or not.

**SAFETY IS NOT** something we can leave for the other fellow to do something about, but is a combination of everything just mentioned and should become a form of religion to all those

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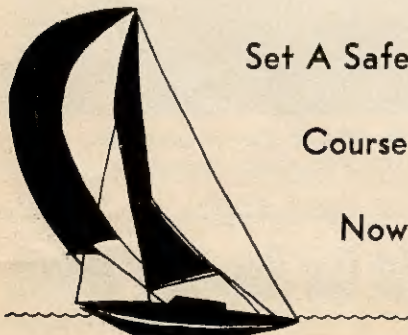
**TWO PRICELESS TOOLS** a man has are his hands, yet, they are exposed to potential danger more than any other part of the body. Resolve to protect them from injury.



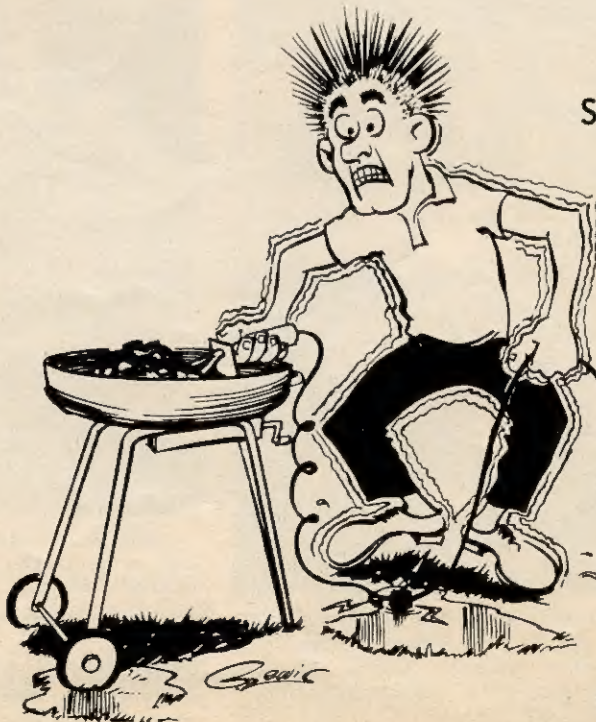
**AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION** is worth more than a ton of compensation.



Use Your  
Head For  
Safety  
Sake



Set A Safe  
Course  
Now



Safety Pays

Get The  
Message?







## Bill Carey Retires

William P. Carey, supervisor-car utilization in the Transportation Dept., retired September 30.

J. Ted Urban, secretary to vice president-Operations, was master of ceremonies at a farewell gathering in the office on that eventful afternoon, Sept. 12. Ted intimated that people today are very sex conscious and Bill had a few statistics of his own: 69-49-20.

To qualify the statement the 69 was the year he retired, 49 was the years of service with the Rio Grande and the 20 was the year he joined the company.

Bill began his railroad career as a messenger in the Transportation Dept. and subsequently held positions in this department as file clerk, red ball clerk, carload tracing clerk, head red ball clerk, traveling car agent, system car distributor, chief clerk, transportation inspector, assistant to chief transportation officer and in 1965 was appointed supervisor-car utilization.

Bill served in the Military Railway Service during World War II. In addition to earning the nickname of "Old Sarge" he was presented with the Croix de Guerre avec étoile de bronze for exceptional service overseas.

He and his wife, Mildred, were presented with gifts and a corsage from their fellow employees who wished them health and happiness in this new venture.

## General Car Foreman Ed Johnston Retires

By R. W. Mitchell

Many interesting events make Ed Johnston's 48 service years a colorful railroad career. Ed will retire October 31 as general car foreman, Mechanical Dept., at Pueblo.

Ed joined the Rio Grande in 1921 as a laborer at Pueblo. He became a coach cleaner in 1922, carman in 1923, relief lead carman in 1937 and in December of that year was appointed trainyard foreman. In 1938 he transferred to Colorado Springs as foreman and was appointed general car foreman at Pueblo in 1953, a position he filled until his retirement.

Some of the highlights of Ed's career were humorous, sometimes discouraging or perhaps confusing.

One of the most discouraging events happened during World War II while rerailling a Santa Fe engine at Camp Carson after a heavy rain had weakened the track. All wheels were rerailed except the pony (lead) truck. While the engine crew was on a meal break, the tracks under the heavy steam locomotive began to sink and



ED JOHNSTON, CENTER, during his "rebuttal" of the many speeches given at his farewell dinner bring smiles to the group. Shown with Ed are Ray Fisher, terminal trainmaster, Pueblo, left, and C. L. Olson, superintendent, Car Dept., Denver.

then broke making it necessary to call the Pueblo wrecker.

One of the most humorous was when loading Army mules into stock cars during the war, the mules would eat their way through the wood side slats, putting their heads out to enjoy the colorful scenery.

The most confusing to Ed is when fellow employees and friends say to him, "Well, Ed, it won't be long now. You can really start to live, enjoy yourself and have some fun." To this Ed replies, "With no finer collection of railroad men on any railroad, I have enjoyed myself and have had nothing but fun in my 48 years on the railroad. If given the chance, I would do it again and I would start today."

Co-workers gave a farewell dinner in his honor where he was given a model railroad crane car signifying his work on the wrecking force, a sum of money to speed him on his way and a fan to help him keep his cool, after speeches extolling all his "virtues" while working on the Rio Grande.

## "Smokey" House Dies Suddenly

Many Rio Grande employees were saddened by the sudden passing of E. R. "Smokey" House, road foreman of equipment, on Sept. 14 while playing golf during his vacation.

Smokey, as he was affectionately known, had 35 years' service with the Rio Grande. He began his rail career as fireman at Helper in 1934. He later held positions as engineer, trainmaster - roadmaster, and road foreman of equipment, a position he held at the time of his death. He was best known for "getting things done" in this capacity. His quick wit endeared him to all.

He is survived by his widow, Sylvia, a son and a daughter at Salt Lake City.



## RECENT APPOINTMENTS

G. D. Allen	Office Manager, Portland, Ore.
R. W. Kruggel	Office Manager, Medford, Ore.
R. N. Lehnertz	Office Engineer, Communications, Denver
J. P. Pamp	Attorney, Denver
J. T. Quinn	Regional Manager, New York
R. C. Schulte	Management Analyst, Management Systems Dept., Denver

## Think Safety

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who face even the most simple hazards.

Eight hours of safety are not enough. The remaining 16 hours in the day are just as important; the hours of getting to and from work; the hours of leisure and play with family and friends. By extending a little more courtesy, a bit more thoughtfulness, a trifle more concentration, and an additional touch of planning, one can stretch safe hours into safe days.

Safety is courtesy; safety is thoughtfulness; safety is consideration; safety is made, not bought; safety is a careful person; safety is following safe procedures.

**SAFETY IS YOU!**



# Let's Get Acquainted With the Rio Grande

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The Green Light continues making the rounds at Helper this month.

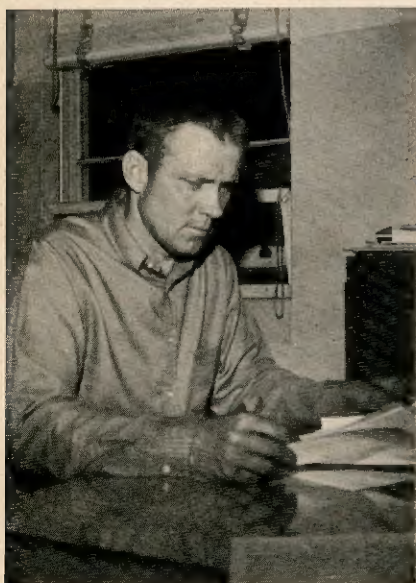
Helper employes are constantly on the go. 'Round-the-clock observation of these loyal workers fails to catch all who are located at this important point on the Rio Grande due to work schedules, vacations or for other reasons.



**ROADMASTER JOHN BAUGHMAN'S** territory covers the main line from Helper to Springville and the Marysvale Branch.



**RUDY BRUNO**, relief car foreman, left, discusses equipment with Gene Twehous. Gene was recently transferred to Grand Junction as road foreman of equipment.



**EARL CURTIS** is the assistant signal supervisor with headquarters at Helper.



**GEORGE ZAMANTAKIS** is a car distributor.



**CHARLES ADAMS**, conductor, is checking in for his run to Grand Junction.

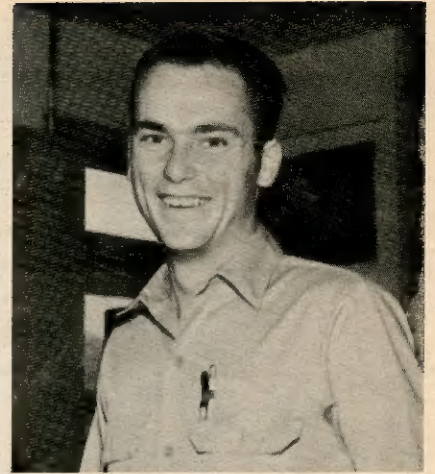




**HARRY FOX, JR.**, carman, is shown making a weld on a freight car.



**JOHN GIARDANO** is a mechanical laborer.



**NORMAN DAY** does the relief clerk duties.



**BEN REDDINGTON** is the afternoon yardmaster.



**ED C. ZORN**, carman, was preparing to go on shift.



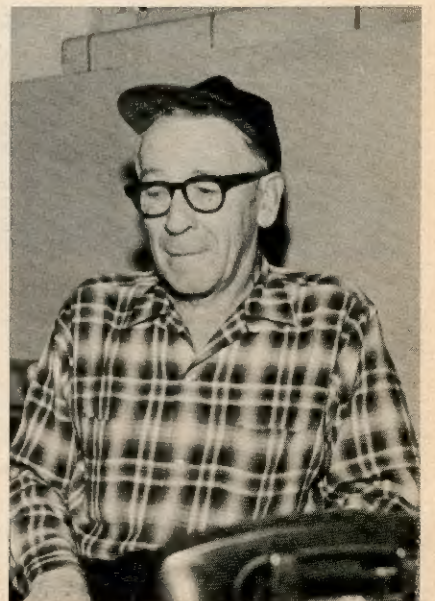
**E. J. MATSON**, carman, was writing up his work report as the Green Light camera passed by.



**JOHN DASKOLAS**, better known as Big John, is a bill clerk.



**RAY MARTINEZ**, section laborer, was working in the yards when he was spotted by the camera.



**ROBERT COLEMAN** is general foreman at this busy station.





IN THE CAR SHOP, Bill Haycock, carman helper, left, and Edward Garcia, carman, are seen repairing a freight car.



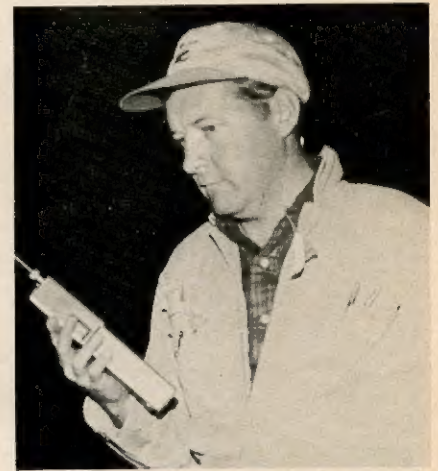
JOSEPH HAYCOCK, carman, left and Tom Torres, carman helper, were working out on the rip track.



KEN FUNK is a relief yardmaster.



MATT KLOEPFER is a relief chief clerk.



MARTIN FARISH, carman, is working the night shift.



## A Colorful Rio Grande Locomotive

After a two-year shut down, Ronald Schlip's 23-year-old Rocky Mountain Western Railroad H O gauge pike is back in operation.

To celebrate the opening, Ron painted one of his locomotives in a fancy color scheme. It was only natural he carried the Grande Gold color scheme on the locomotive as he is a loyal "Rio Grander" working as a lab technician at Burnham.

The tender sides above the black belt, cab, boiler jacket are Grande Gold, the curved top and below the belt on the tender are aluminum as is the cab roof. The smoke box and front running gears are grey and the frame, firebox bottom and wheel centers are black.

Ron numbered the locomotive 1969 which is the year he built it and lettered it Rio Grande. The locomotive is shown above.

## For the Man on the Way Up!

Are you a man on the GO? Do you have self-improvement in mind? Do you want to get out of the same old rut? Here is your chance to fulfill this need.

Rio Grande Toastmasters Club is accepting applications for membership which is open to all Rio Grande men in the Denver area.

Here is what membership in Toastmasters can do for you:

Aid in mastering the art of effective speaking . . .

Help you make a poised, self-assured appearance before any audience . . .

Prepare you for participation in meetings of all kinds . . .

Increase your qualifications for business and civic recognition . . .

Provide an enjoyable fellowship and a forum for the stimulating exchange of ideas . . .

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For information, contact Dick Garrison, Ext. 365, or Ed Clark, Ext. 427.

"Toastmasters is more than a club . . . It's an education!"



## Utah Division Office

By Fae Lundberg

Welcome to Jim Stone who joined the office force as division timekeeper. Jim replaced Rus Barber who retired August 29.

The stork has called on two wives of employees. Walt Harris' wife led the list by giving birth to a baby boy on July 2. The new arrival's name is Stewart. Jim Ozment's wife gave birth to a baby boy on Sept. 4. This is the first for the Ozments. Congratulations to the fellows and their wives.

Get well wishes are sent to Bruce Thornton who is back in the hospital. Last reports was that he is making satisfactory improvement.

ReNae Pearce celebrated her birthday this year by treating all the employees in the division office to cake. Happy Birthday!

Dale Reese was a spectator along with other railroad officials at Grand Valley when the Rulison Control explosion took place. They were a distance of two-and-a-half miles from the point, a 40-kiloton underground nuclear blast, of the explosion. This underground explosion was more than twice the force of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945.

Evelyn Draves, recently retired, states that time at home just seems to fly by. She has been canning fruit from her yard. In addition, her vegetables and flowers keep her very busy.

Fred Bretz, retired engineer, keeps in touch with his many friends by consulting and visiting the engineering dept. He still finds time from this busy schedule to go golfing.

Frank Spiers, retired radio maintainer who recently retired, returned from a visit to California. A double celebration was held for him as he was recently married as well. A dinner was held in their honor at Harmon's Cafe where he was presented with a tape recorder and other gifts. Best wishes for the future go with the happy couple.

Recent vacationers were Mina Gates, who visited her two sisters in Canada. It is a nice time of the year to visit there she says. Carlos Jackson toured Yellowstone Park, the Black Hills, Great Lakes area, Chicago and St. Louis, where he visited with his son. Carlos admits it is always a joy to visit with his son.

Bernice Peterson entertained her sister and husband and a girl friend from California. Many parties were planned as well as sight-seeing trips. Bernice, being an excellent swimmer, was asked by the YWCA to teach swimming this season.

Ardella Grill and husband had a very busy vacation working on their summer home, helping with the grandchildren and taking time out to relax and enjoy them. LaMar Hansen and wife toured the country while on vacation. Bill Reese was glad just to relax for a couple of weeks. He spent the time getting his girls ready for school.

Congratulations to Reginald H. "Sandy" Sanders, retired, who claimed Lena Mae Pearson of Midvale as his bride. The couple exchanged wedding promises in nuptials held at the Lion House in Salt Lake City, August 21. After a delightful honeymoon to the scenic northwest, they will make their home in South Salt Lake. Sandy and his bride are both organists.

The Edward G. Eklunds celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Oct. 5 when their children held an open house in their honor. Congratulations and best wishes.

Al Martin, retired division car foreman, has thrown his hat into the ring for a seat as a Salt Lake City Commissioner. Martin, at one time, was a former mayor and councilman at Grand Junction. Now it's up to Al to get out and kiss the babies and bring in the votes.

The Salt Lake offices were saddened at the sudden death of E. R. "Smokey" House, the result of a heart attack. Funeral services were held on Sept. 17. Deepest sympathy is extended.

## Grand Junction

By Almeda Flint

Mrs. Norman (Myrtle) Ream and son, Major Thomas Ream, recently visited the George Greens. Major Ream has just returned from Vietnam. His next assignment will be at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. Myrtle resides in Salida. Her late husband, Norman, was mechanical clerk at Grand Junction.

W. P. Price and A. R. Davidson, trainmen, are boasting about their little "bundles from heaven." Congratulations to both families. Would also like to congratulate the Jim Ozments on the arrival of Douglas James. We've waited a long time to extend these wishes, Jim.

The best of wishes for Jess Campbell, who retired as engineer for many years on the "south end." Also hope for a long and pleasant retirement for J. O. Smith, who relinquished his chief dispatcher's chair at Denver. Asst. Chief Clerk Ward Smith, Grand Junction, was honored on his retirement when the Railway Clerks' meeting was held at his home on the Redlands. The group presented him with a pipe and his favorite tobacco as well as a tidy sum of the "green stuff" enclosed in a card.

Belated, but sincere, condolences to Joe and Louis Mendicelli, firemen, on the loss of their father, Alfonso Mendicelli, retired section laborer.

The Carl McElwains are taking an auto trip to the New England states where they will look for antiques. They will visit their son who is a lawyer in Washington, D.C. The McElwains operate a small antique shop here in addition to Carl being a carman for the railroad.

Tom Lynch, agent, and wife vacationed by car with their destination Mountain Home, Ida., to see their son, Major Jerry Lynch. George Cowan, dispatcher, is taking his annual

four-week vacation at this time. Gerald Rees, dispatcher, spent a week of his vacation painting their new home on the Redlands. Lloyd Lynch says he's going to spend his week hunting. Andy Anderson, communications engineer, and Ruth vacationed in Canada; on the return trip they stopped to see their son, Bob, who is attending Macalester University in St. Paul, Minn. Ed Moran, trainmaster, and wife spent part of their vacation with son, Joe, track supervisor at Price, who recently moved to Helper.

It is a joy to visit with some of the "retired family." Roy Pardew, conductor, reports he keeps busy trying to catch up with all the maintenance work around his place, but if the urge to "take off" strikes, he doesn't resist. He mentioned hearing from Johnnie Sprott, who has been visiting relatives in California and Nevada. Johnnie says he is feeling much better. Harold Jarrad, former retarder operator, has had so much to do that the days aren't long enough. C. E. McNany, former superintendent, looked the picture of health when he stopped by the office on their return to California after visiting with daughters in New Mexico and southern Colorado. Sam Strange, engineer, was just as bustling as ever when he and his wife stopped here the other day. They are now considering moving from southern California to southern Arizona. Paul Kuykendall, conductor, says he feels better than he has for many years. He now lives in Delta.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the E. R. Rouse family in Salt Lake City.

## From the White House Fifth Floor

By C. O. Froid

Keith M. Peck, chief draftsman, has returned home after undergoing throat surgery at the hospital. A hurry and get well is our wish for him.

Roger Del Vera, wife Polly, their two children, Anne and Rocco and their new addition, Amalia Maria Celiz, age 16, an exchange student from Santiago, Chile, traveled to Santa Fe, Carlsbad Caverns, N. Mex. and Fort Worth, Texas.

The Thurstons, George, Violet, and son Robert, enjoyed a very relaxing trip to the narrow gauge country as well as taking in the Mesa Verde area. George is welding supervisor.

The R. E. Davis family, Richard and Dee, proudly announced the arrival of Kerry Glenn who entered this world on Sept. 23. The Davis' have three other boys and one girl. He is assistant transportation officer—Planning.

How about that eight-pound German Brown Trout caught by John P. Spiess, project engineer? This beauty was caught above Glenwood Springs on the Roaring Fork River.

Jerry Key, signal draftsman, suffered a painful injury while playing softball. He chipped a bone in his ankle which will hamper his base running for a while.



## Communications

By Jim Chavies

Tom Tracy vacationed in Missouri, Illinois and Oklahoma where he visited friends and relatives. He fished the lakes and rivers in the Ozarks.

O. E. Miller journeyed to Fenton, Mich. Gary Gilliam spent his vacation at home. LeRoy Frank and Jack Halfacre trailed to Wyoming with the club. Jack went on to the northwest and Canada while on vacation.

John Jeep took his Little League team to Montrose to the state playoffs. They spent a week there and ended up in second place. Better luck next year.

George Hall and D. D. Farlow spent three days fishing at Left Hand Reservoir and ended up with three fish between them. They will have to take their families with them next time in order to come out ahead.

Everyone is filling in for everyone else while vacations take precedence.

Bob Grawey spent his vacation in Illinois watching the Cubs and Cards play ball. Had he stayed away from the games the Cards might have done better.

Gary Gilliam resigned. Pleased to have Bob Lehnentz back with us as office engineer.

## Car Service

By Manfred Bauer

Sincere sympathy is extended to the wife and children of Tex Jones, retired Car Service clerk, who passed away Sept. 25 at Denver, Tex., whose employment with the Rio Grande spanned many years, was with the Moffat Road before the two roads consolidated. He retired in 1953. One of his sons, Richard, is Federal Housing Administrator at San Antonio, Tex.

Congratulations to Fred Stringham and Caryn Perry, who were married at St. Catherine's Church on Oct. 4. The groom is the son of Ruth Theis of this department.

Lu Turney while in the hospital recently was pleased to hear that her son, Ted M. Johnson, Washington, D.C., was made a partner in the firm of Hornblower and Weeks, Hemphill, Noyes, international brokers.

The Lloyd Selbys thoroughly enjoyed a visit to the Ozarks in Missouri and Arkansas. While there they also visited the son, Dr. L. Arthur Selby and family at Columbia, Mo.

A welcome back to Le Ona Brantling following an extended leave of absence.

## Revenue Accounting

By Walter Brooks

It is good to see Curt Harris back at his desk. He reports he is feeling fine again. Also pleased to welcome back Claire Hartman after a leave of absence.

A welcome to George Hulspeeth, Jr. as a clerk in this department. George transferred from the machine room.

Richard Norton, youngest son of Fletcher, has entered the armed service. He is stationed in the east where he will undergo training.

A welcome is extended to R. E.

Lovett, who has also transferred to this department.

Vacations are still the subject of conversations. Byron Brown spent his fishing and resting at his mountain cabin. Bertha Schillinger also rested at her mountain retreat. Dick Eggleston and wife motored east. It is unknown if Dick picked up any more pointers on the game of golf while he was away.

The James Pitneys rested and did what was necessary around the house. Ed and Helen Broderick returned to Las Vegas to enjoy the shows and other places of entertainment.

Leonard and Virginia Suhr paid a visit to the Passenger Dept. to visit old friends.

Fran Klodt, daughter of Ben, has transferred to Alaska. All her friends wish her well in her new venture.

This reporter and wife, Elizabeth, journeyed to Grand Junction with the Vets Club to attend their annual convention. The trip on the CZ was beautiful and delightful. The aspens and scrub oak were at the peak of beauty. It was a wonderful week end in being able to meet old friends and new. More should take advantage of this opportunity.

## Traffic Dept.

By Bob Hulstrom

This department was saddened by the sudden passing of Ray Eads. Ray had been an employee of the Rio Grande for 23 years.

Congratulations and best wishes to Paul Gamel on his recent marriage.

## Purchasing

By Helen Balistrere

Congratulations to Leo Rhode, who succeeds John Pounen, who retired Sept. 30. A welcome to Blaine DeWees, who transferred from the Burnham Store to this department.

Ted Nitz had an enjoyable vacation during the glorious September weather. He just took it easy on the patio admiring the beautiful garden which is a hobby of his.

Walt and Fern Holmquist took off for favorite fishing spots and from reports, they like that clear mountain air better than our sometimes smoggy downtown.

Helen and Frank Balistrere gave a reception in honor of John and Vera Pounen which proved to be a happy get-together for the Purchasing staff as well as other invited guests. Beatrice Brown, who left us for Traffic Dept., presided at the table, presided adding a most decorative note. Lots of reminiscing was enjoyed.

Many were shocked and saddened by the untimely death of Ray Eads. He will be greatly missed. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Eads and son, Kenneth.

Our dashing secretary, Tom Smaldone, is attending Community College. Lots of luck, Tom. Marian Selder, a furloughed employee of this department, has returned and is taking Ray Eads' position. Pleased to have you back, Marian.

We know John Pounen will enjoy his retirement to the fullest with the

many plans he and Vera have for the future.

## Personnel

By Betty Hancock

Norville Cox and family enjoyed a two-week vacation visiting places of interest around this beautiful state and doing what we all like to do, just taking it easy.

Many of the personnel in this department report their trips to the mountains have resulted in seeing the outstanding beauty of the colorful trees. Ernest Sampson enjoyed the brilliant display; Ed Clark and family traveled to Rocky Mountain National Park to see the beauty. Ed has been showing a perfect snapshot scene taken by his daughter, Gloria.

## Sixth Floor

By Irene Vogel

From the Good News Dept.: Lance Corporal Richard Ehrlich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Ehrlich, who was in a field artillery unit of the U. S. Marines, in Vietnam, safely reached Okinawa on his way home.

Welcome to Jim Pamp, who has joined the Legal Dept., and to Dick Schulte as a management analyst.

The Norm Maris family has two beginners: son, Dick is starting at Colorado University and daughter, Lynette, started at Jefferson High School. Good luck to them both.

Helen Broderick, along with husband, Ed, vacationed at Las Vegas. To finish out the two weeks, they took short trips to view the local fall scenery.

Rosemary Wiemeyer, her mother and brother, flew to Vancouver and Victoria for a few days. They rented a car to tour Oregon, Washington and the northern California coastline before returning home.

Glenn Keller and wife, Helen, flew to Reno and Lake Tahoe and then drove to Carson City, Virginia City, Oakland, Long Beach, with a boat trip to Catalina Island, and to Las Vegas. Hoped they were able to visit with Opal Johnson Erickson, former Rio Grande employee, as they planned.

Caught Bob Martin with his hiking boots off. The boots were on their way to being resoled after he and his family spent a long weekend camping at Fraser.

## Expenditure Accounting

By Don Webster

Carrol Reece toured the Black Hills of South Dakota and then returned to Grand Junction to babysit with his grandchildren.

Tom Gargan gave away his daughter, Aug. 23, while on vacation. The bridegroom is a veterinarian student at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Tom also reports he had very good luck fishing at Rock Creek after the wedding.

Lori Adams and husband combined business with pleasure while on vacation by attending a convention in Atlanta, Ga., with a side trip to visit her sister at Huntsville, Ala.

Hank Bergman toured the southwest by visiting El Paso, Juarez, Carlsbad Caverns, Santa Fe, before returning home.



## Alamosa

By O. L. Jordan

Frank Cox, retired conductor and president of the Alamosa Vets Club No. 7, and wife, Irene, president of the Auxiliary, have recently returned from a motor trip to Oklahoma where they visited a niece of Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Charles Hillhouse, her husband and three children. They spent one day at the state fair there. They drove to Vian to visit Mrs. Ruby Madorin, who is building a new home and on to Muskogee, where they visited with Frank's sister-in-law, Mrs. Elsie Cox and two nieces, Mrs. Marjorie Coffey and children and Mrs. Al Murray, her husband and children. They also visited a nephew, Donald Cox and family.

The Coxes and Bessie Jones have made several trips abroad and throughout the country the past few months enjoying them very much. Other members of the Vets Club have also enjoyed several trips around the country. Enos Jones, special agent and wife, Lola, are on vacation as of this writing.

Charles Groshart, retired engineer, has been released from the Alamosa hospital and is being cared for at his Alamosa home. Allen Cooper, retired machinist and Chama foreman, has been released from the hospital here and is now able to care for his garden which is his hobby. These men have enjoyed the Vets Club activities with their wives for several years, however, Mrs. Groshart passed away a few months ago, much to our sorrow.

As a hunch, former Alamosa shop employes, Connelly, Russell and Allen, now working at Burnham, would enjoy a cold breast of mallard or pheasant sandwich in their lunch. Yours truly doesn't hunt the old grounds any more as most of them are now posted as wildlife refuges. Wildfowl are now quite numerous on the reserves.

(Welcome to O. L. Jordan as a reporter at Alamosa—Ed.)

## Roper

By John G. Barron

Robert Schrauth, filling in as manager in the Telegraph Office, had just returned from his vacation in Minnesota with his parents when he got word his mother had passed away. Heartfelt condolences are extended in his bereavement.

Jack Combs and wife visited points between Niagra Falls, N.Y. and Sun Valley, Ida. while on a three-week vacation. Over 7,000 miles were covered. Glad to see them back safely after a most enjoyable trip.

Dick Allen, clerk at the freight house, pulled a surprise while on vacation. The word is out that he was married and if this bit of information is true, many years of happiness and good fortune is wished for them.

T. M. Duffy and wife journeyed to Lake Louise, Canada, Glacier Park and the coast of Washington and Oregon, returning by the way of Reno. They had a wonderful trip and broke even while "rolling the bones" at Reno and also managed to pick up a few coins at Elko.

Doug and Orlene Stoddard returned from their vacation looking refreshed.

It isn't known for sure what they did, but heard they enjoyed doing things on a local basis for a change.

It is supposed the Ed McNamaras are enjoying their two-week vacation.

This reporter recently sold several tickets on a raffle from the American Fork Training School. It is not known who won the raffle but the furniture purchased from the proceeds was placed in the day room in Cedar Hall. After two months in the hospital, my son, Gregory, has returned to his building at Cedar Hall. Although he isn't 100 percent recovered, he looks fine and is quite happy to be back with his friends. Would like to thank all who helped in this worthwhile cause.

By B. J. Chavez

Sandy Neiderhauser and husband, Jay, vacationed in Sunny California. A great time was had at San Francisco and Carmel. They spent some time on the beach and have a sunburn to show for their efforts.

Ron Perry invested his hard earned money into a new V-Bug. He claims to get the best gas mileage ever. Little does he know that Fred Brozovich salts his gas tank with extra gas.

This reporter and wife, Aveline, also spent our vacation in California but we never seemed to meet Sandy and Jay. We visited San Francisco, San Diego and spent a few days in Tijuana, Mexico, before returning home.

Rodger Fjeldstad's wife, Micheal, gave birth recently to a baby daughter, Jamie Lee. Mother, father and baby are doing fine. Congratulations from all on this joyous occasion.

## Burnham Notes Store and Lab

By Jean Gustafson

W. H. "Bill" Moeller and wife drove to the west coast on a recent vacation trip where they visited his sisters at Carlsbad, N.M., and Vallejo, Calif. They played the "one-arm" bandits at Lake Tahoe and Las Vegas. On their way home they stopped at Grand Junction to pick up some of the delicious Western Slope fruit. Looks like canning time now for Mrs. Bill. That's making her earn that vacation trip.

The Ronald Schilps spent some vacation time in a four-wheel drive vehicle touring Ouray and the Marble areas. They visited the quarry at Marble and Crystal City. They also visited the Moab area and Grand Mesa in the Mustang.

Store Dept. employes were happy to see Walter Chindgren, retired, who stopped in for a visit. "Chin" is still the same exuberant, friendly fella he always was, flashing the same contagious grin. He wears his retirement well, traveling and keeping up his many interests.

Jean Gustafson spent the weekend at St. Paul attending the N.A.R.B.W. District 3 Conference. The weather was perfect and Jean enjoyed the hospitality of the Twin Cities Chapter and friends of the Milwaukee Road, Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railways.

## Colorado Springs

By Jim Kennedy

Sorry to report that R. E. Smithlin, interchange and demurrage clerk, passed away Sept. 6. He had been employed by the Rio Grande for 29 years. He will be missed by all. Deepest sympathy is extended to the Smithlin family.

Larry Gatron, first trick operator, is enjoying a month vacation visiting the northwestern part of the country and Canada.

Welcome to Tony Hudek as a clerk in the freight office.



## Provo

By R. R. Rackele

The Elks Lodge at Richfield, Utah was recently formed, designated No. 2420, has four Rio Grande men as charter members. They are LeRoy Kmetzsch, Kenny Gates, Kenny Christensen and Kenny Godfrey.

Congratulations to Gary Averett and Mary Brunninger on their recent wedding.

George Beasley and wife toured California while on vacation where they visited relatives. Agent and Mrs. McFarlane of Sigurd visited with their children in California during their vacation.

Thomas H. Chadwick is undergoing treatments at Utah Valley Hospital and we hope he is on the mend soon.

## Motor Way Denver

By J. P. Walsh

Ralph Turano, son of R. E. Turano, announced his engagement to Vicki Dio Nisio of Pueblo.

Mel Baker, Frank Kuretick, of the Denver dock, Coley Baker, in the shops, and Phil Davis had good luck while hunting on the weekend of Sept. 27. They bagged their limit of antelope plus a few sage grouse on the side. They hunted near Craig.

Wally Newbold, terminal manager, returned from a two-week flying jaunt across the United States in his own plane. John Decio, chief rate clerk, and wife visited her parents in Nova Scotia.

Welcome to Fern Rossi who transferred to Denver from the Durango office as a billing clerk.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Al Duran, pickup driver, on the death of his wife.

Bob Fregosi, asst. chief rate clerk, has just completed his schooling in bowling. He is now a certified coach instructor for the Junior American Bowling Congress. He coaches at the Broadmoor. Some of the youngsters he teaches have such good averages, they have to give him a handicap when he bowls with them.

Ted Busch, dock, is recuperating at home following surgery and two weeks in the hospital.

Deepest sympathy to Jim Swanson on the death of his mother.

Clarence Iliff reports a very fine vacation painting fences at his home.



## Salida Comments

By Maribee

With the collectors' items in full swing throughout America it was to be expected that Conductor Pisarczyk would save for posterity the last train orders issued for the old main line near Swallows. This was the rail change resulting from the Pan-Ark Development. Conductor Pisarczyk, Engineer Conner and Brakemen Jackson and Porter, all of Pueblo, comprised the crew of the last train, a work train, to move via rail from Swallows. The new track is located about a mile north. The remaining rails are supposed to be removed via truck. Sept. 26 was the date of this last work train.

This writer has quite a time trying to spell Pisarczyk correctly so the Conductor issued this reminder: "You shouldn't have any trouble, for 'pi-sarczyk' in Polish means writer."

No one is more interested in the increasing interest in reviving of American plays, the comedies of the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s than Agent Charles Carpenter in Salida. "You Can't Take It With You," 1936, the play that probably gave the original impetus to the current revival fever, is one in which Charles played two parts when he was a member of a Phoenix theater company. "This play is one of the greatest," states Agent Carpenter.

He worked under the direction of Walter Ben Hare, who was also a playwright with over 200 plays to his credit. "Murphy's" was the name of the theater in Phoenix where thespian Carpenter performed off and on between 1931 and 1940 as a professional. During the summer he traveled with an acting company.

Yes, show business is his first love but family objections to actors led him to return to the railroading which gave him his first job.

Charles Carpenter's two children are now both students at SCSC in Pueblo. His daughter has begun her junior year, and his son enrolled as a freshman last month.

Proof that former railroaders can turn up in almost any type of career is Q. Robert Smith, who once worked as a Conductor for the D&RGW, and is now spending some time in the Salida area because his retirement home in Missouri is too hot. Q. R. S. carries a card which reads, "Prof. Q. Robert Smith, noted analyst, expert authority on causes of domestic and business ills." His slogan: "Got problems? Let's talk about 'em, Maybe I can help."

The professor's belief is that he has had so many problems that he has a good basis to help others. He has lost two wives since his retirement, the second through a tragic automobile accident.

Tragedy came into the family of Brakeman Ivan Vickers last month when his five-year-old grandson, Frank J. Love, accidentally drowned in a small creek in Junction City, Kansas. Son of Sgt. and Mrs. Frank H. Love, young Frank was born in Wurzburg, Germany. Ivan said that 19 members of his and his wife's families have passed away during the past two years. The Wickers' experi-

enced the tragic loss of their son in a vehicular accident two years ago.

Dr. Norman Ream, son of long-time Salida and Grand Junction clerk, the late Norman Ream, returned from 18 months duty at the Eighth Field Hospital in Nha Trang, Vietnam. He visited his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Ream, in Salida before going to his new assignment at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McDowell made a trip to Ogden, Utah, to help their daughter, Marcia, become settled. She is teaching first grade in the Ogden city school system.

Mrs. McWharter of Austin, Texas, first saw Salida when she rode in on a flat car. The year was 1920, and the D&RGW observation car was a flat car with chairs mounted on it to take people through the Royal Gorge into Salida. Since that time, Mrs. McWharter has made regular return visits to Salida with her husband. They have spent ten consecutive summers here, arriving in July and remaining until September.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Montoya and two sons enjoyed an extended visit in Salida this summer. Mrs. Percy Montoya is the daughter of retired section worker "Zeke" Gallegos. Percy had to return to the Canary Islands in time to man the tracking station which was part of the successful walk on the moon. Previous to his Canary Islands assignment he was stationed in South America. When Mrs. Montoya returned to the Canary Islands, her sister, Dorothy Gallegos, went with her and will remain for an extended visit.

Army Sergeant Charles M. Plewes, son of brakeman Mulford Plewes, has been assigned to the 1st Signal Brigade in Vietnam as a communications center supervisor.

\*Mary B. Cassidy

## Ogden

By Frank Burch

Who is the happy carman here? None other than Merrill Stewart. Merrill's voting status at home was evened when he gained a son-in-law. The Stewart's daughter, Joyce, and Andrew Zabriskie were married the first part of September. Wish them a lifetime of happiness.

This reporter and wife with W. O. Furniss and wife, W. O. Hamblin and wife along with six of the Salt Lake City Vets Club officers spent four days traveling via Moab to Durango where we rode the Silverton train before attending the Vets Convention at Grand Junction. A good time was had at the convention and the trip to Silverton is recommended.

The rumor at Ogden is that Ray Shurtliff, carman, found his lode at Reno. It must be true as they say he is giving a party for all his friends.

A fast recovery is wished for Linda O'Toole, wife of operator O'Toole who works the midnight shift. Linda underwent surgery in August. John is grateful that his wife is now home and able to help with the children.

Claude Combs and wife spent two weeks traveling through six states while on vacation which included Catalina Island.

## Helper

By Dom Juliano

Congratulations to Frank L. Brown, engine house foreman, on his recent retirement. Frank has been a machinist since 1923. He and his wife, Mildred, will make their home in Salt Lake City. Fellow workers and friends wished them a long and happy retirement.

Congratulations to W. Carl and Leah Berry on their 55th wedding anniversary which they celebrated on Sept. 30. Carl is a former carman. Carl and Leah are both in excellent health and very active.

Best wishes and a speedy recovery to Phil Anderson, clerk, who is in Holy Cross Hospital at Salt Lake. Hurry back, Phil, Big John just does not look right sitting at your desk.

Attending the Vets Convention at Grand Junction were Ern and Lucille Gardner, George and Corrine Grivet, Bill and Alta Flaim, Harold and Edith Nielsen, Ray and Kathy Anderton, and D. C. Peckham and wife.

Six women from the Rio Grande family who belong to the Kitchen Band, a musical group of Carbon County grandmothers, were invited to play for the Utah State Fair at Salt Lake. From the write-ups in the Salt Lake and local papers, this band is great and they were enthusiastically received there. The Grande women are Ruby Willis, Ellen McFall, Margie Briest, Bonnie Pagano, Hazel Cox and Josephine Slopansky.

## Salt Lake Freight Office

By H. O. Hunger

Heartiest congratulations to R. L. "Dick" Allen, who was married to Ada Huggins on Sept. 18. They were married at Elko, Nev., and spent their honeymoon in the Northwest. Dick has a brand new Dodge Coronet and a new wife all within the span of a week. How lucky can a man be?

Here's wishing lots of happiness to the new bride and groom.

## Salt Lake Vets

By F. C. Krauth

C. L. Crawford wasn't to be denied in attending the Vets convention at Grand Junction. He was released from the hospital on Friday, caught the California Zephyr early Saturday morning and was on hand for the opening session that afternoon.

The convention was a real success and those who helped with this event are to be congratulated for their efforts.

The Salt Lake Club would like to thank the Grand Junction Club and their Auxiliary for the way they helped in the registrations, flowers and their hospitality.

The Argyles, the Krauths and the Elmer Yates from Salt Lake and the Furnisses, Burches and the Hamblins from Ogden rode the Silverton train prior to the convention. They had a wonderful time. Anyone who has never ridden that train should. The scenery is so beautiful and it surely is a worthwhile trip.

The Salt Lake Club's next party will be held at the north shelter at Liberty Park on Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m. This will be a potluck dinner. Every-



one should bring something as well as your dishes and silverware. Come and have a good time.

This will be the last party this year, so be sure to attend.

## Salt Lake Auxiliary

By Phyllis Cowley

The women of the entire Rio Grande system held an auxiliary meeting at the recent Vets Convention at Grand Junction. All of the clubs benefited by the informal discussion with ideas and plans being made for the continued success of the clubs.

Our thanks and appreciation to the women of the Grand Junction Auxiliary who were so very cooperative and hospitable.

## Western Slope Vets

By Bill Easley

Would like to offer sincere congratulations to the Rio Grande Vets Club No. 1 of Salt Lake City for the excellent way they hosted the System Convention this year. Thank you for a job well done.

Western Slope Vets Club will have an election meeting during the first part of November. The meeting will be held in conjunction with a covered dish dinner. All vets will be notified of details. Please plan to attend and bring your lady.

The newly formed Ladies Auxiliary held a meeting on Oct. 15. Their idea of a Ladies Hospitality Room during the convention was a very good idea. All the work and effort they put forth to entertain the out-of-town ladies was certainly appreciated.

## HOSPITAL REPORT

When sick or hurt, members of the Hosp. Assn. should call 623-8443 in Denver; 243-3545 in Grand Junction. 364-3591 in Salt Lake City, night or day. In other towns, call a Staff doctor, directly. The Hosp. Assn. Pharmacy number in Denver is 623-4981. Dependents and Spouses of deceased members may purchase drugs for the same price as a member of the Hosp. Assn. Ambulance Service is provided Assn. members by Roche Ambulance. 292-2340. Keep this number near your phone. Hosp. Admissions can be listed here only if they are received from the Hospitals.

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOSP., DENVER**—Robt. L. Agee, Helen B. Bowman, Lucille C. Chavez, Ethel S. Cummings, Lloyd P. Dalbey, Mildred E. Davis, Herbert R. Dormire, Esther E. Lamb, Cecil C. Mills, Albert P. Nawyn, Paul C. O'Neal, Louvay Russell, Hayes A. Shaw, Chas. W. Wathen, Jose R. Zendejas.

**HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL, SALT LAKE CITY**—V. Ray-Adair, C. Phillip Anderson, Warren Beynon, Murray C. Brown, Marlon Calton, Mayo L. Carroll, Ella G. Hanger, Jim Glaubenskille, Wm. T. Janney, Wilford L. Jensen, Jack E. Keough, Kim M. Madsen.

**ST. MARY-CORWIN HOSP., PUEBLO**—Rodney McDowell, Larry Trimble.

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOSP., DEL NORTE**—Clarence L. Smith.

**ST. MARK'S HOSP., SALT LAKE CITY**—John H. Kagie.

**GENERAL ROSE MEMORIAL HOSP., DENVER**—Inez L. Buzard, Chas. E. Franks, Henry Gonzales.

**UTAH VALLEY L.D.S. HOSPITAL, PROVO**—Thos. H. Chadwick.

**CONEJOS COUNTY HOSPITAL, LA JARA**—Eduardo Garcia.

**ST. FRANCIS HOSP., COLORADO SPRINGS**—Ralph Edward Smithlin.

**ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL—GRAND JUNCTION**—Rosina Baldino, Chas. F. Beard, Wm. Branstetter, Thelma C. Carter, Jose Rudy Duran, Catherine H. Ekstrom, Curtis F. Franklin, Ruby M. Griffin, Maynard T. Hoaglund, Ivan M. Lehman, Gladys G. Mulnix, David A. Queen, Wm. F. Trackler.

How'd you get those red marks on your nose?"

"Glasses."

"Glasses of what?"

Green Light

## Frank Green Retires

By Almeda Flint

Over 70 friends of Frank H. Green, road foreman of equipment, gathered at the Holiday Inn in honor of his retirement on Sept. 5.

Dinner was served buffet style, after which the late E. R. "Smokey" House acted as master of ceremonies.



FRANK GREEN, center, with his wife, Bertha, is shown at the time of his retirement with the late "Smokey" House. (Cheedle Photo.)

D. J. Butters gave a resume of Frank's years with the Rio Grande and also introduced Bertha, Frank's bride of many years.

Fellow employees paid tribute to Frank's deep devotion to his work. Many mentioned how much he had contributed to the development and improvement of the air brake system on the Rio Grande. All who were associated with him remember how he made it a point to be well-versed on all angles of railroading.

Frank and his wife were presented cards and a billfold containing what he described as almost enough to buy that set of golf clubs he had his eye on.

The Greens plan to drive to Mobile, Ala., to spend Thanksgiving with their son before returning to their home at Grand Junction.

## Provo Vets Club

By Bob Wright

A potluck party was held at the Utility Bldg. in Provo by the Vets Club. Among those attending were Cliff Crawford and wife, and Claude Argyle and wife, all from Salt Lake City. Their company was certainly enjoyed and hope they will pay us another visit soon.

Winners of the card game for the men were in this order: Fred Mordue, Otto Daniels and Bob Wright; for the women: Wanda Wright, Verda Mordue and Clarice Danielson. Winners received nice gifts as prizes.

The Joe Wernzes, the Wayne Thomases and the Otto Daniels attended the Vets convention at Grand Junction.

A new organization known as Alcoholics Alias has been formed. You can still drink but under an assumed name.

## Denver Vets Club

By Velma Ackermann

The Denver Vets Club No. 3 and Ladies Auxiliary planned a hard time party for Oct. 16. Costume was the order for the evening of fun. Those who weren't in costume were fined twenty-five cents. Cider and doughnuts were served.

The rummage sale held on Sept. 23 was a huge success. A vote of thanks to all who participated. Now it is time to start saving for the next one.

The John Schneiders wish to thank all their many friends for the lovely cards and remembrances on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to this grand couple who were presented with their first great grandchild, Melainie Elaine, born Sept. 27.

The Vets and their ladies had a wonderful time at the Annual System Vets Convention at Grand Junction. A full carload from Denver attended. A big thanks to the Salt Lake Vets who were the hosts.



# The Silverton Train Steams to a New Record



The Silverton Train proved again it is an outstanding tourist attraction in the Southern Colorado plays, the ~~contender~~ all existing records on the 1930s and 1940s than Agent Charles Carpenter in Salida. "You Can't Take It With You," 1936, the play that probably gave the original impetus to the current revival fever, is one in which Charles played two parts when he was a member of a Phoenix theater company. "This play is one of the greatest," states Agent Carpenter.

He worked under the direction of Walter Ben Hare, who was also a playwright with over 200 plays to his credit. "Murphy's" was the name of the theater in Phoenix where thespian Carpenter performed off and on between 1931 and 1940 as a professional. During the summer he traveled with an acting company.

Yes, show business is his first love but family objections to actors led him to return to the railroading which gave him his first job.

Charles Carpenter's two children are now both students at SCSC in Pueblo. His daughter has begun her junior year, and his son enrolled as a freshman last month.

Proof that former railroaders can turn up in almost any type of career is Q. Robert Smith, who once worked as a Conductor for the D&RGW, and is now spending some time in the Salida area because his retirement home in Missouri is too hot. Q. R. S. carries a card which reads, "Prof. Q. Robert Smith, noted analyst, expert authority on causes of domestic and business ills." His slogan: "Got problems? Let's talk about 'em. Maybe I can help."

The professor's belief is that he has had so many problems that he has a good basis to help others. He has lost two wives since his retirement, the second through a tragic automobile accident.

Tragedy came into the family of Brakeman Ivan Vickers last month when his five-year-old grandson, Frank J. Love, accidentally drowned in a small creek in Junction City, Kansas. Son of Sgt. and Mrs. Frank H. Love, young Frank was born in Wurzburg, Germany. Ivan said that 19 members of his and his wife's families have passed away during the past two years. The Wickers' experi-

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fabulous train. Many tourists arriving at Durango expecting to ride the train were disappointed when they were left at the station as no room was available. "No shows" were very few leaving no room for the overflow influx of tourists.

The steam-powered Silverton, an authentic relic of the 1890's, made the 90-mile round trip from Durango to Silverton daily from June 1 to October 5 this year. Two sections were run from mid-June until Labor Day.

The 1970 season will extend from Saturday, May 30, through Sunday, October 4, Long announced.

## Railroad Orbit

railroads play in holding down consumer prices.

The basic theme will be, "America's railroad. Who needs them? You do!"

Capt. Schirra, who resides in Denver after retiring from the U.S. Navy and the space program last July, was one of the seven original astronauts chosen by NASA in April, 1959. He flew a six-orbit mission of the fourth manned Mercury flight.

On December 15, 1965, he and astronaut Tom Stafford made space history by maneuvering their two-man Gemini 6 spacecraft within one foot of the Gemini 7 spacecraft, which had been launched 11 days earlier with astronauts Frank Borman and James Lovell aboard. It was the first rendezvous by two manned spacecraft.

He flew the 163-orbit Apollo 7 flight in November, 1968, with Walter Cunningham and Donn Eisele, the first American mission with television pictures from space.

## Scouting News Wanted

The National Railroad Committee on Scouting asks for information about Rio Grande officials and employees who are involved in Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Explorer unit activities.

If you are active in Scouting, send a brief report about your Scouting activities to V. H. Imbroth, Personnel department, Denver, and your story will be forwarded to Washington.

The information, if appropriate, will appear in the "Railroad/Scouting NEWS," a publication of the Association of American Railroads.

In addition to its railroad industry circulation, the "NEWS" is distributed to all councils of the Boy Scouts of America.

*A boy is at that in-between age in life when he knows why a strapless evening gown is held up but doesn't know how.*

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